

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

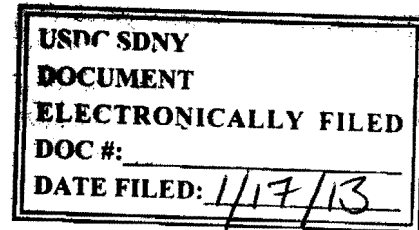
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SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

Plaintiff and Counter-defendant,

-v-

D.T. GRUELLE COMPANY GROUP, L.L.C.,

Defendant and Counterclaimant.  
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1:12-cv 07510 (PAE)(KNF)

CIVIL CASE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN  
AND SCHEDULING  
ORDER

This Civil Case Management Plan (the "Plan") is submitted by the parties in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3).

1. All parties do not consent to conducting all further proceedings before a Magistrate Judge, including motions and trial. 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The parties are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences.
2. This case is to be tried to a jury.
3. Amended pleadings may not be filed and additional parties may not be joined except with leave of the Court. Any motion to amend or to join additional parties shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. [Absent exceptional circumstances, thirty (30) days.]
4. Initial disclosures, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), shall be completed no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order. [Absent exceptional circumstances, fourteen (14) days.]
5. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than May 17, 2013. [A period not to exceed 120 days, unless the Court finds that the case presents unique complexities or other exceptional circumstances.]
6. The parties are to conduct discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Southern District of New York. The following interim deadlines may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all fact discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 5 above.
  - a. Initial requests for production of documents to be served by February 18, 2013.
  - b. Interrogatories to be served by February 18, 2013.
  - c. Depositions to be completed by May 17, 2013.

- d. Requests to Admit to be served no later than April 16, 2013.
- 7.
    - a. All expert discovery shall be completed no later than July 1, 2013.  
[Absent exceptional circumstances, a date forty-five (45) days from the date in paragraph 5, *i.e.*, the completion of all fact discovery.]
    - b. No later than thirty (30) days prior to the date in paragraph 5, *i.e.*, the completion of all fact discovery, the parties shall meet and confer on a schedule for expert disclosures, including reports, production of underlying documents and depositions, provided that (i) expert report(s) of the party with the burden of proof shall be due before those of the opposing party's expert(s); and (ii) all expert discovery shall be completed by the date set forth in paragraph 7(a).
  - 8. All motions and applications shall be governed by the Court's Individual Rules and Practices, including the requirement of a pre-motion conference before a motion for summary judgment is filed. Pursuant to the authority of Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2), any motion for summary judgment will be deemed untimely unless a request for a pre-motion conference relating thereto is made in writing within fourteen (14) days of the date in paragraph 5, *i.e.*, the close of fact discovery.
  - 9. All counsel must meet face-to-face for at least one hour to discuss settlement within fourteen (14) days following the close of fact discovery.
  - 10.
    - a. Counsel for the parties have discussed an informal exchange of information in aid of early settlement of this case and have agreed upon the following:  
  
Counsel for Plaintiff and Counter-defendant ("SpaceX") will send a letter to Counsel for Defendant and Counterclaimant ("D.T. Gruelle"), within a reasonable time, and estimated to be within five (5) days from the date of this Order, making a demand and setting forth the specific bases of the demand. D.T. Gruelle will respond to this demand within seven (7) days of receiving this demand through counsel stating the specific bases for its response.
    - b. Counsel for the parties have discussed the use of the following alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for use in this case: (i) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (ii) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (iii) retention of a privately-retained mediator. Counsel for the parties propose the following alternate dispute resolution mechanism for this case:  
  
(i) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge

- c. Counsel for the parties recommend that the alternate dispute resolution mechanism designated in paragraph 10(b), be employed at the following point in the case (*e.g.*, within the next sixty days; after the deposition of plaintiff is completed (specify date); after the close of fact discovery):

Sixty (60) days from the date of this Order. The parties intend to first attempt settlement informally, but are both agreeable to a settlement conference if they have been unable to reach a settlement after sixty (60) days.

- d. The use of any alternative dispute resolution mechanism does not stay or modify any date in this Order.
- 11. Unless a party moves for summary judgment, or the Court orders otherwise, the Final Pretrial Order date is 30 days following the close of fact and expert discovery (whichever is later). By the Final Pretrial Order date, the parties shall submit a Joint Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with the undersigned's Individual Rules and Practices and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3). Any motions *in limine* shall be filed after the close of discovery on or before the Final Pretrial Order date. If this action is to be tried before a jury, proposed *voir dire*, jury instructions and verdict form shall also be filed on or before the Final Pretrial Order date. Counsel are required to meet and confer on a joint submission of proposed jury instructions and verdict form, noting any points of disagreement in the joint submission. Jury instructions may not be submitted after the Final Pretrial Order date, unless they meet the standard of Fed. R. Civ. P. 51(a)(2)(A). If this action is to be tried to the Court, proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law should be submitted on or before the Final Pretrial Order date.
  - 12. Counsel for the parties have conferred and their present best estimate of the length of trial is: Counsel for Plaintiff and Counter-defendant estimates three (3) days exclusive of *voir dire*. Counsel for Defendant and Counterclaimant estimates five (5) days, including *voir dire*.
  - 13. [Other items, including those in Rule 26(f)(3).]  
Plaintiff and Counter-defendant proposes limiting each party to five (5) non-expert depositions, exclusive of a deposition pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6). Defendant and Counterclaimant is not willing to limit the number of depositions at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COURT:**

The Plan has been reviewed by the Court and, except as modified, is adopted as the Scheduling Order of this Court in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b).

14. [Other]

15. The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for June 28, 2013 at 10 AM.  
This ORDER may not be modified or the dates herein extended, except by further Order of this Court for good cause shown. Any application to modify or extend the dates herein (except as noted in paragraph 6) shall be made in a written application in accordance with paragraph 1.E of the Court's Individual Rules and Practices and shall be made no less than two (2) business days prior to the expiration of the date sought to be extended.

Paul A. Engelmayer  
Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York  
1/17/2013

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